

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An information system, comprising:
 - a controller configured to generate an image representative signal adapted for use by a display device;
 - a television interface configured to provide television information received from a television signal to the controller;
 - an interactive information interface configured to retrieve interactive information from the web and to provide the interactive information to said controller;
 - a remote control comprising a plurality of buttons arranged to move a cursor, the remote control further configured to receive user input and to provide the received user input to said controller; and
 - a data memory configured to store user preferences;wherein said controller is configured to obtain said interactive information in response to said user input received from the remote control and television information in response to said user input, said controller being further configured to generate said image representative signal such that corresponding presented imagery includes an interactive portion containing said interactive information and a television portion containing said television information, wherein said interactive and said television portions are formatted according to said user preferences, and
 - wherein said interactive portion is presented as an elongated horizontal portion encompassing less than half of a television screen at an edge of said television portion and does not obscure said television portion, and wherein said television portion is arranged to encompass more than half of the television screen.
2. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein:
 - said television signal comprises a hyperlink and the controller is configured to cause interactive content corresponding to the hyperlink to be retrieved through the interactive information interface and displayed in the interactive portion.

- 3-6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein:
said interactive portion of said imagery comprises a plurality of interactive controls displayed in a first image panel; and
said television portion of said imagery comprises broadcast video imagery displayed in a second image panel.
8. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein:
said interactive portion comprises a plurality of discrete web objects including links to other web objects.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to resize the television information to fit within the television portion.
11. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein:
at least one of said user preferences stored in said data memory comprises a home web page that is retrieved and displayed in said interactive portion upon initialization of the information system.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein:
said elongated horizontal portion comprises a menu bar comprising a plurality of interactive control buttons.
14. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to determine whether any television content is referenced in the interactive information and, in response to determining that television content is referenced in the

interactive information, causing said television interface to tune to said referenced television content.

15. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to determine whether any web content is referenced in the television information and, in response to determining that web content is referenced in the television information, causing the interactive information interface to retrieve the web content referenced in the television information and causing such web content to be displayed in the interactive portion.

16. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
initializing a display system;
receiving selected web content received in response to user input from a remote control device;
receiving television content;
receiving user preferences;
formatting the received web content and the received television content into video information according to said user preferences; and
transmitting to a display the video information to simultaneously produce interactive information including the received selected web content in an interactive portion of the display and television content in a television portion of the display,
wherein said interactive portion is presented as an elongated horizontal portion encompassing less than half of the display at an edge of the television portion and does not obscure said television portion, and wherein said television portion is arranged to encompass more than half of the display.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein the elongated horizontal portion comprises a menu bar comprising a plurality of interactive control buttons.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein the interactive portion comprises a plurality of discrete web objects including links to other web objects.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, further comprising providing a home web page in the interactive portion after initialization of the display system.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, further comprising resizing the received television content to fit within the television portion of the display.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, further comprising automatically determining whether any television content is referenced in the interactive information and, in response to automatically determining that television content is referenced in the interactive information, receiving television content corresponding to the referenced television content and displaying the referenced television content on the display.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, further comprising determining whether any web content is referenced in the television content and, in response to determining that web content is referenced in the television content, retrieving such web content from the web and causing it to be displayed on the display.

25. (Previously Presented) An information system, comprising:

- a controller configured to generate an image representative signal adapted for use by a display device;

- a television interface configured to provide television information received from a television signal to the controller;

- an interactive information interface configured to retrieve interactive information

from the web and to provide the interactive information to said controller;

a remote control input device comprising a plurality of buttons configured to receive user input and to provide the received user input to said controller; and

a data memory configured to store user preferences;

wherein said controller is configured to obtain said interactive information in response to said user input received from the remote control input device and television information in response to said user input, said controller being further configured to generate said image representative signal such that corresponding presented imagery includes an interactive portion containing said interactive information and a television portion containing said television information, wherein said interactive and said television portions are formatted according to said user preferences, and

wherein said interactive information is presented in a translucent overlay region over the television portion, wherein the translucent overlay region does not substantially obscure the television portion .

26. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 25, wherein the interactive information presented in the translucent overlay region comprises a plurality of interactive control buttons for selecting a service including electronic mail.

27. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 25, wherein the interactive information presented in the translucent overlay region comprises an animated ticker.

28. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

initializing a display system;

receiving selected web content;

receiving broadcast content;

receiving user preferences;

formatting the received web content and the received broadcast content into video information according to said user preferences; and

transmitting to a display the video information to simultaneously produce

interactive information including portions of the received selected web content in an interactive portion of the display and a television broadcast in a broadcast portion of the display,

wherein said interactive information is presented in a translucent overlay region over the broadcast portion, wherein the translucent overlay region does not substantially obscure the broadcast region.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the interactive information presented in the translucent overlay region comprises a plurality of web graphics including television signals.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the interactive information presented in the translucent overlay region comprises an animated ticker.

31. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 7, wherein the interactive controls are displayed responsive to preferences set by a user.

32. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 7, wherein the interactive controls are displayed responsive to an alert indicating an incoming message.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the interactive control buttons are displayed responsive to preferences set by a user.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the interactive control buttons are displayed responsive to an alert indicating an incoming message.

35. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 26, wherein the interactive control buttons are displayed responsive to preferences set by a user.

36. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 26, wherein the interactive control buttons are displayed responsive to an alert indicating an incoming

message.

37. (Previously Presented) The information system of claim 25, wherein the translucent overlay region comprises a first translucent region comprising an animated ticker presented near a top edge of the display device and a second translucent region comprising a plurality of selectable buttons presented along a horizontal edge of the display device.

38. (Currently Amended) ~~¶~~The method of claim 28, further comprising displaying a plurality of interactive control buttons at least one of which is displayed responsive to an alert indicating an incoming message.